SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Has the change in the uniform of the Police officers been effected with a view to making them uniform in the whole of the Indian Union?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That also has been taken into consideration. But certain changes have been made to suit the climatic conditions of our State also.

Merger of Pondicherry State

* 111 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have sought the opinion of this Government before the *de jure* merger agreement was signed with the French Government during 1956 with regard to the future of the Pondicherry State;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) whether this Government have made any representation to the Central Government for the inclusion of the Pondicherry State in the Madras State during 1956, after the States Reorganization?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Why, Sir? In view of the States Reorganization that is to take place, will the Government represent to the Central Government to include Pondicherry State also in our Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That question has not yet arisen at all. First *de jure* merger should be completed. After that the Government of India would consider the status of Pondicherry.

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Barnard Institute of Radiology

* 112 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Assistant Surgeons of the Barnard Institute of Radiology was sent abroad at Government cost in the year 1954;

(*b*) if so, for what purpose; and

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Two Assistant Surgeons were deputed abroad in 1954.

(*b*) They were deputed so as to enable them to undergo post-graduate studies in the United Kingdom in Therapeutic Radiology.

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(c) Rupees 1,800 per annum towards leave salary and £292 per annum towards study allowance approximately on these two officers.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : What is the duration of the stay of these officers in the United Kingdom?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Fifteen months, Sir.

Taking over of the Thaliparamba-Iritty Road

* 113 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposals to take over the Thaliparamba-Iritty Road from the Malabar District Board; and, if so, the stage at which the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The road has not yet been taken over by the Government, but it is likely that it will be taken over during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that the culverts and bridges on the road are in a state of dilapidation and the District Board is not in a position either to reconstruct or repair them, vehicular traffic on the road has been rendered extremely dangerous. Therefore will the Government take steps expeditiously to take over the road by the Highways Department and do the necessary repairs?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : There is a proposal to take over all the major district roads in instalments starting with 1957–58; 500 miles in 1957–58, 550 miles in 1958–59, 600 miles in 1959–60 and 650 miles in 1960–61 making a total of 2,300 miles, under that scheme. The Chief Engineer has to suggest the mileage to be allotted to each district and the number of miles of roads to be taken year-war and so on and so forth. If there is an urgency or demand for priority with reference to the road referred to by the hon. Member he may perhaps impress upon the authorities concerned that it should come in first.

Queue system at bus stops in Madras City

* 114 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Police is posted to enforce queue system at bus stops in Madras City; and

(b) whether conductors are taken to task when passengers violate the queue formation?